## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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## 2017/18 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2017/18 season.

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2018:

## **District 13:**

Southern Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41).

Commercial fishermen wishing to participate in this opening in Southern Sitka Sound are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Sitka prior to engaging in commercial fishing activity.

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30) will remain closed due to lack of interest. Divers or processors interested in harvesting the remaining GHL in this area may contact the department requesting additional openings. If interest develops this area may reopen.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the September 13, 2017, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHLs. The next news release following this opening will be available on **Thursday**, **February 8, 2018**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0718.

News releases web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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